

**Amendments of Specification:**

Page 1, before line 5, insert the following heading.

Background of the Invention

Page 2, before line 29, insert the following heading.

Brief Summary of the Invention

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 29, to read as follows:

The object of the invention consists in providing a method as well as an apparatus in which, on the one hand, the pressing belt of a continuous press maintains the desired course in an improved manner and, on the other hand, the quality of the product is not affected negatively ~~in the~~ ~~aforementioned way~~ as occurred in prior art control techniques.

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 2 and ending at line 4.

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 28 to read as follows.

A mechanical probe, in particular, is employed as a probe for checking the course of the belt. In a particularly simple embodiment, this comprises an end with a ~~roll~~ roller adjacent to the belt. The probe is shifted mechanically as soon as the belt changes its position. The mechanical change is registered and input into the control device. The position of the gearwheels over which the chains are guided is changed suitably by means of the control device. The control is typically effected via a power cylinder with a maximum lift of preferably at least  $\pm 1$  mm. As a rule, however, control for suitably correcting the course of the belt is effected within a range of tenths of millimeters. Basically, a smaller lift of more than  $1/10$  of a millimeter may therefore already be sufficient.

Page 5, before the paragraph beginning at line 15, insert the following headings and text.

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a schematic elevational view of a continuous press having adjacent pressing belts for pressing a board product and further including rotating rod assemblies for guiding the course of the belts in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 is a schematic plan view of one of the rotating rod assemblies shown in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a schematic plan view similar to Fig. 2, but having several tilted or slightly diagonal rods in the rod assembly;

Fig. 4 is a schematic elevational view of the gearwheels for guiding chains carrying the rods, including pulse generators in accordance with the invention; and

Fig. 5 is a schematic plan view of one of the pressing belts shown in Fig. 1 and further including a mechanical probe for monitoring the course of the pressing belt in accordance with the invention.

#### Detailed Description of the Invention